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CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Department of Community Development

July 27, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Kimberly Browne, Chairperson *Kimberly Browne*
SUBJECT: **Recommended CDBG & HOME Allocations for FY 2006-07**

On behalf of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD), I am pleased to present our FY 2006-07 CDBG & HOME funding recommendations. The Committee bases these recommendations on its thorough review of applications, site visits made by its members, applicants' presentations, and comments from the public. Each project was considered on its own merits, and the Committee did its utmost to maintain the integrity of its process.

Our recommendations reflect the Committee's concern with making the best use of limited funds. As in previous years, the demands for CDBG and HOME funding far exceeded our ability to recommend funding for many worthy projects that are seeking financial assistance. We regret not being able to recommend more funding for these projects this year.

Please note that the CACCD's recommendations are limited to the "competitive" funding under CDBG and HOME. The process begun in previous years, to take Block Grant Administration, the City Housing Division and a 15% set-aside for Public Infrastructure out of the funding competition allowed the CACCD and applicants to focus on amounts that were realistically available for allocation to community nonprofit organizations.

The attached report shows all requests for CDBG and/or HOME funds, along with our recommendations under each activity category by agency with comments as appropriate. Please note that the CACCD's recommendations are based on the following funding levels for FY 2006-07:

CDBG Competitive Amount Available = \$ 304,461
HOME Competitive Amount Available = \$ 229,337

We look forward to discussing these recommendations with the City Commission on July 27. Other members of the CACCD and I will be available to answer any questions that you may have of us.

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CDBG/HOME FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS
FY 2006-07**

Organization Name And Project/Program	FY 2005-06 Approved Funding	Requested Funding Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Funding Justification
CDBG Housing				
Center for Independent Living of NC Florida - Architectural barrier removal	-	\$15,168	\$10,000	The Committee recognizes the valuable services provided to disabled citizens within the community that are only made available by this agency.
Central Florida Community Action Agency - Emergency home repair program	\$15,000	\$35,000	\$0	The Committee does not feel it can support funding for this agency at this time due to its lack of performance.
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - New housing construction and housing rehab	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$35,000	The Committee supports funding at a lower level than last year only because of overall funding demands.
CDBG Public Services (Cap = \$213,762)				
Alachua County Health Department - Helping Hands Clinic support	-	\$16,300	\$7,000	The Committee supports partial funding for this worthwhile all volunteer-supported project.
Arbor House, Inc. - Case worker	-	\$15,487	\$7,000	The Committee supports partial funding for enhancement of services.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Florida - Community-based mentoring project	-	\$25,000	\$0	The Committee is unable to recommend funding due to limited funds.
Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County, Inc. - Youth programs at the Southeast Unit	\$25,000	\$32,000	\$17,000	The Committee continues to support this successful, proactive program at a somewhat lower level due to budgetary constraints.
Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, Inc. - Food bank program	\$15,000	\$42,000	\$12,000	The Committee recognizes the demand for food in the community but is limited by funding constraints.

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Organization Name And Project/Program	FY 2005-06 Approved Funding	Requested Funding Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Funding Justification
Central Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. - Food voucher program for diabetic families	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$0	The Committee does not feel it can support funding for this agency at this time due to its lack of performance.
Child Advocacy Center, Inc. - Abused child intervention program	\$15,000	\$23,080	\$12,000	The Committee supports this unique program at a somewhat lower level than the present.
Cultural Arts Coalition, Inc. - Environmental ambassador program	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	The Committee supports funding at the current level.
Early Learning Coalition - Child care for working poor families	\$21,340	\$23,260	\$20,000	The Committee supports this program, which is highly leveraged and encourages gainful employment, at a slightly lower level than its predecessor due to funding constraints.
East Gainesville Development Corporation - EGDC Skills Empowerment Program	-	\$100,000	\$0	The Committee believes that these services are already available to the community through SFCC and other agencies.
Easter Seals Florida, Inc. - Adult health day care program	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$9,000	The Committee supports continued funding at a slightly lower level than last year's funding.
ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc. - Congregate and home-delivered meals for the elderly	\$67,000	\$70,278	\$58,957	The Committee continues to support this one-of-a-kind, highly-leveraged program at a slightly lower funding level due to budgetary constraints.
Gainesville Housing Authority - Healthy lifestyle nutrition program for elderly residents in public housing	-	\$11,045	\$0	The Committee felt that the agency would be able to obtain assistance for their project through other avenues.
Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. - Programs for girls living in target areas	\$10,000	\$13,154	\$9,000	The Committee continues to support this highly successful program, which works with girls in target areas, at a slightly lower level than last year's allocation.

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Interfaith Hospitality Network - Emergency shelter for homeless families	\$17,868	\$29,000	\$15,000	The Committee supports this very successful program at a lower level of funding due to budgetary constraints.
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare - Transitional job program for the mentally disabled	-	\$15,371	\$5,000	The Committee wishes to provide partial funding for this innovative project.
Oasis Enrichment Academy, Inc. - Neighborhood outreach program	-	\$25,000	\$0	The Committee does not feel it can support funding for a charter school.
Pleasant Place, Inc. - Transitional housing for pregnant and parenting teens	-	\$35,000	\$15,000	The Committee wishes to provide partial funding for this project, which would support staff funding.
The Preserve - Transitional housing for homeless male teens	-	\$2,805	\$2,805	The Committee wishes to provide full funding for this project.
St. Francis House, Inc. - Emergency shelter for homeless persons	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	The Committee wishes to continue to support this worthwhile project at a lower level due to funding constraints.
CDBG Economic Development				
East Gainesville Development Corporation - Mini-grant and training program for start-up businesses	-	\$50,000	\$0	The Committee believes that these services are already available to the community through SFCC and other agencies.

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Organization Name And Project/Program	FY 2005-06 Approved Funding	Requested Funding Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Funding Justification
CDBG Public Facilities Improvements				
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Florida - Facility rehabilitation – repair roof and AC/heating units	-	\$12,712	\$7,000	The Committee wishes to partially fund this project.
McGurn YMCA - Pool house renovation project	-	\$38,000	\$30,799	The Committee wishes to partially fund this worthwhile project that would impact the neighborhood that it serves.
Peaceful Paths (Outreach Offices) - Replace roof at Outreach Offices	\$3,000	\$7,900	\$7,900	The Committee recognizes the importance of this agency and wishes to fully fund this project.
Total CDBG Funding	\$280,708	\$760,560	\$304,461	
HOME CHDO Operating Expenses				
Central Florida Community Action Agency	\$9,000	\$17,000	\$ 0	The Committee does not feel it can support this agency at this time due to its lack of performance.
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp.	\$4,500	\$12,000	\$12,000	The Committee wishes to fully fund the agency's request.
HOME New Construction				
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - New housing construction for low-income homebuyers	\$100,000	\$84,220	\$84,220	The Committee supports this highly successful organization's efforts to expand housing opportunities.

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HOME Moderate or Substantial Rehab				
Arbor House - Replace 80 year old windows with new energy efficient ones	\$10,579	\$13,675	\$13,675	Funding will address a critical problem at this agency's facility.
Central Florida Community Action Agency - Part of an acquisition-rehab project	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	The Committee cannot support funding for this agency at this time due to its lack of performance.
Purchase Rehab				
Central Florida Community Action Agency - Part of an acquisition-rehab project	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0	The Committee cannot support funding for this agency at this time due to its lack of performance.
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - Acquisition, rehab and resale of homes for low-income homebuyers	-	\$100,000	\$100,000	The Committee supports this organization's efforts in preserving the housing stock for low-income homebuyers.
HOME Rental Deposit Assistance				
Gainesville Community Ministry - Rental deposit assistance program	\$19,442	\$19,442	\$19,442	The Committee supports full funding for this successful program.
Total HOME Funding	\$213,521	\$316,337	\$229,337	


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**INTER-OFFICE
COMMUNICATION**

Date: July 18, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission

From:  Jim Hencin
Block Grant Manager

Via: Russ Blackburn, City Manager
Tom Saunders, Community Development Director 

Subject: FY 2006-07 CDBG and HOME Recommendations

The Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD) has provided the City Commission with a separate report on its recommendations for allocating CDBG and HOME funds for FY 2006-07. The attached is a brief analysis of the projects that are being recommended for funding by the CACCD. Included are the "funding priorities" that each project falls under, an estimate of the leverage or match that would be generated by each project, and a description of the expected project outcomes.

Earlier this year, the City Commission approved five funding priorities for CDBG and HOME projects to be administered by outside agencies. They were:

1. Housing
2. Homeless assistance
3. Job training/employment opportunities
4. Nutritional support
5. Programs that serve disadvantaged or at-risk children or elderly persons

All of the current CDBG and HOME project proposals fall under at least one of these priorities.

Leverage or match is based on the funding level recommended by the CACCD and information provided by the project applicants. In those instances where the CACCD has not recommended funding, the leverage or match is based on the full funding request by the applicant.

Finally, the expected outcomes are based on either the funding level recommended by the CACCD or, in the case of projects that were not recommended for funding, the original funding request by the applicant. In all cases, the expected outcome data were provided by the applicants.

If the City Commission would like additional information about the project proposals, please let us know.

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STAFF ANALYSIS
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Organization Name And Project/Program	CACCD Funding Recommendation	Funding Priority	Leverage/Match	Comments/Expected Outcomes
Center for Independent Living of NC Florida - Architectural barrier removal	\$10,000	Housing	1:1.54 (\$15,375)	Will assist up to 15 persons.
Central Florida Community Action Agency - Emergency home repair program	\$0	Housing	1:2.31 (\$81,000)*	Would assist up to 12 households based on \$35,000 requested.
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - New housing construction and housing rehab	\$35,000	Housing	1:8.26 (\$289,000)	Will assist up to 12 households.
Alachua County Health Department - Helping Hands Clinic support	\$7,000	Homeless Assistance	1:1.64 (\$11,500)	Will assist up to 140 persons.
Arbor House, Inc. - Case worker	\$7,000	Homeless Assistance	1:1.65 (\$11,553)	Will assist up to 22 persons.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Florida - Community-based mentoring project	\$0	Disadvantaged Children	1:11.5 (\$25,000)*	Would benefit up to 466 persons based on \$25,000 requested.
Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County, Inc. - Youth programs at the Southeast Unit	\$17,000	Disadvantaged Children	1:7.1 (\$120,000)	Will assist up to 250 persons.
Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, Inc. - Food bank program	\$12,000	Nutritional Support	1:1 (\$12,000)	Will assist up to 1,500 persons.
Central Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. - Food voucher program for diabetic families	\$0	Nutritional Support	1:2.5 (\$25,000)*	Would assist up to 60 households based on \$10,000 requested.
Child Advocacy Center, Inc. - Abused child intervention program	\$12,000	Disadvantaged Children	1:1 (\$12,000)	Will assist up to 10 persons.
Cultural Arts Coalition, Inc. - Environmental ambassador program	\$4,000	Disadvantaged Children	1:2 (\$8,000)	Will assist up to 10 persons.

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Early Learning Coalition - Child care for working poor families	\$10,000	Disadvantaged Children	1:16.7 (\$333,333)	Will assist up to 90 persons.
East Gainesville Development Corporation - EGDC Skills Empowerment Program	\$0	Job Training/ Employment	1:1 (\$100,000)*	Would assist up to 75 persons based on \$100,000 requested.
Easter Seals Florida, Inc. - Adult health day care program	\$9,000	Disadvantaged Elderly	1:31.36 (\$282,238)	Will assist up to 30 persons.
ElderCare of Alachua County, Inc. - Congregate and home-delivered meals for the elderly	\$58,957	Nutritional Support	1:6.45 (\$380,463)	Will assist up to 105 persons.
Gainesville Housing Authority - Healthy lifestyle nutrition program for elderly residents in public housing	\$0	Disadvantaged Elderly	1:1 (\$11,225)*	Would assist up to 174 persons based on \$11,045 requested.
Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. - Programs for girls living in target areas	\$9,000	Disadvantaged Children	1:6.26 (\$56,323)	Will assist up to 170 persons.
Interfaith Hospitality Network - Emergency shelter for homeless families	\$15,000	Homeless Assistance	1:18.7 (\$281,272)	Will assist up to 110 persons.
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare - Transitional job program for the mentally disabled	\$5,000	Job Training/ Employment	1:3.07 (\$15,370)	Will employ up to 9 persons.
Oasis Enrichment Academy, Inc. - Neighborhood outreach program	\$0	Disadvantaged Children	1:3 (\$75,000)*	Would assist up to 100 households based on \$25,000 requested.
Pleasant Place, Inc. - Transitional housing for pregnant and parenting teens	\$15,000	Homeless Assistance	1:7.8 (\$117,000)	Will assist up to 16 persons.
The Preserve - Transitional housing for homeless male teens	\$2,805	Homeless Assistance	1:62 (\$173,895)	Will house up to 5 persons.
St. Francis House, Inc. - Emergency shelter for homeless persons	\$20,000	Homeless Assistance	1:32.2 (\$644,888)	Will assist up to 800 persons.

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East Gainesville Development Corporation - Mini-grant and training program for start-up businesses	\$0	Job Training/ Employment	1:1 (\$50,000)*	Would assist up to 30 persons based on \$50,000 requested.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Florida - Facility rehabilitation – repair roof and AC/heating units	\$7,000	Disadvantaged Children	1:1.8 (\$12,712)	Will benefit up to 466 persons.
McGurn YMCA - Pool house renovation project	\$30,799	Disadvantaged Children	1:2.56 (\$79,000)	Will benefit up to 750 persons.
Peaceful Paths (Outreach Offices) - Replace roof at Outreach Offices	\$7,900	Homeless Assistance	1:1 (\$7,900)	Will benefit up to 250 persons.
Total CDBG Funding	\$304,461			
Central Florida Community Action Agency – CHDO Operating Costs	\$ 0	Housing	1:1 (\$17,000)*	Would assist up to 4 households based on \$17,000 requested. Amount requested exceeded the amount allowed for this activity.
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. – CHDO Operating Costs	\$12,000	Housing	1:24.1 (\$289,000)	Will assist up to 12 households.
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - New housing construction for low-income homebuyers	\$84,220	Housing	1:5.17 (\$435,780)	Will assist up to 4 households.

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Arbor House - Replace 80 year old windows with new energy efficient ones	\$13,675	Housing	14.3% Match (\$1,954)	Will house up to 4 persons.
Central Florida Community Action Agency - Part of an acquisition-rehab project	\$0	Housing	1:1 (\$60,000)*	Would assist up to 4 households based on \$60,000 requested.
Central Florida Community Action Agency - Part of an acquisition-rehab project	\$0	Housing		See above.
Neighborhood Housing & Development Corp. - Acquisition, rehab and resale of homes for low-income homebuyers	\$100,000	Housing	1:8.44 (\$844,000)	Will assist up to 8 households.
Gainesville Community Ministry - Rental deposit assistance program	\$19,442	Housing	13.9% Match (\$2,700)	Will assist up to 60 households.
Total HOME Funding	\$229,337			

*Leverage based on original application.